importance. But this line being one which is important in our mind, it will be given due consideration.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Sir, have you understood his answer? I did not understand his answer... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Sir, Mangalore is fast developing as a big industrial centre and a lot of petro-chemical projects, etc., are coming up there and so a lot of people from Udupi come to Managlore for work and go back every day. So we hope that the Government will accord it the highest priority. I would also like to ask the honourable Minister as to when the entire Konkan Project would be completed and, especially, what is the situation on the Maharashtra side of the Konkan Railway up to Mangalore.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Depending upon resources, that will be done!

SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: On the Maharashtra side, actually the line has been initiated from the Maharashtra side from Apta to Roha, and now we are taking the southern section first. As I said, this will be taken section by section, but there is no point in processing a railway line without keeping in mind the immediate benefits that would accrue by completing that project. As the honourable Member himself has said about Mangalore, for Udupi also it is very important to have a rail connection. Therefore now that Apta Roha has been looked after, now it is the turn of the southern end. After Mangalore—Udupi, we will consider the next section to be taken up.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Telecast of the Map of India by Nepal T. V. showing a part of Jammu & Kashmir as part of Pakistan

*46. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India have lodged any protest with the Government of Nepal on showing over their T. V. on March 23, 25 and 26, 1989 a map wherein a part of Jammu and Kashmir has been shown as territory of Pakistan; and

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) The Ambassador of India in Kathmandu has drawn the attention of His Majesty's Government of Nepal to the erronious depiction of India's international boundary in certain maps shown on Nepal T.V. and expressed the Government's serious concern about this. The Government of Nepal gave an assurance that the matter would be looked into. Subsequently, it was reported that Nepal T.V. had put out a statement saying that the map shown on Nepal T.V. was not a political one but a sketch. The statement further said that Nepal T.V. had no intention of hurting the feelings of friendly countries and members of the SAARC.

Change in the policy of Teaching of Yoga in Kendriya Vidyalayas

*47. DR. BAPU KALDATE:

DR. R. K. PODDAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the changes made in the policy of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan in respect of teaching of Yoga in Kendriya Vidyalayas during the current decade;

(b) what are the details of policy as on date;

(c) what are the details of the representation made by All India Kendriya Vidyalayas Teachers Association and Members of Parliament in this regard; and

(d) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): a) to (d) The scheme for teacheing yoga in Kendriya Vidyalayas was started in all the Classes from I-XII on an experimental basis in 1981. After observing the implementation of the scheme for some time, it was reviwed by a Committee of experts in 1984-85. The Committee recommended that yoga was useful for school students but recommended that yoga education should be imparted in Classes V to IX. The Board of Governors of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan considered the report of the Expert Committee in its meeting on 26th September, 1986, and decided that all the Kendriya Vidyalayas should teach yoga in Classes VI-XII. The Board also decided to integrate teaching of physical education and yoga and for this purpose decided that the physical education teachers should be given training in yoga and yoga teachers should acquire adequate qualifications for teaching physical education. Keeping in view the deficiency in academic qualifications of many yoga teachers and inadequate training in yoga in regard to some of the yoga teachers, the Board decided that the yoga teachers should be helped by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan to remove these deficiencies.

2. In the meantime, the National Policy on Education, 1986, had been formulated. The New Policy states that 'as a system which promotes an integrated development of body and mind, yoga will receive special attention'. To implement this Policy, the Ministry decided to start a Centrally-sponsored Scheme for Introduction of Teaching of Yoga in Schools. The general policy followed in framing this scheme was that arrangements for full-time yoga teachers should be made in larger schools where the teaching load justifies the full-time teachers and in smaller schools a part-time or some other existing teacher, after suitable training in yoga, should teach yoga.

3. The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan reviewed its earlier decision in this light and while doing so it also kept in mind the objections raised by the Teachers' Association. The Board of Governors of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan in its meeting on 27-12-1988 decided that

(a) yoga should be taught in all the Kendriya Vidyalayas in Classes VI-XII;

(b) out of six periods provided in the time-table for physical education, four should be devoted to physical education/sports and two to yoga;

(c) full-time yoga teacher should be provided in large schools where teaching load justifies this and in smaller schools arrangements should be made by appointing part-time teachers or by utilising one of the existing teachers who is trained in yoga; and

(d) the yoga teachers recruited earlier should be helped for acquiring the required academic qualification and training in yoga;

4. The All-India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers' Association represented on 23-2-1988 that—

(a) services of yoga teachers should not be terminated;

(b) the decision to integrate yoga with physical education should not be taken without consulting yoga teachers or the Association of Teachers; and

(c) yoga teachers should be continued as such.

5. The All-India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers' Association submitted another representation on 16-3-1989 and asked for a rational decision about teaching of yoga in Kendriya Vidyalayas in consultation with the Association and the yoga teachers.

6. The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan attaches considerable importance to teaching of yoga in Kendriya Vidyalayas. There is no question of any of the existing yoga teachers being retrenched for want of work. As a matter of fact, since the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas and the student strength in these Vidyalayas is increasing steadily, more yoga teachers will be needed in future.

Financial assistance to Orissa for construction of tourist cottages

*48. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to provide financial assistance to Orissa Government for the construction of tourist cottages at various places of tourist interest in Orissa; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) The Central Department of Tourism provides financial assistance to States on the basis of specific proposals received from the State Governments subject to merits of the proposal, availability of funds and *inter-se* priorities. The Department has received only one proposal from the Government of Orissa for Central financial assistance for construction of Tourist Cottages at Lulung at an estimated cost of Rs. 12.58 lakhs.

Negotiations on the demands of All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association

*49. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas had decided to observe 10th February, 1989 as Mass Casual Day at the instance of AIKVTA to press their demands;

(b) whether it is also a fact that AIKVTA postponed it following an assurance from the Chairman, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan to negotiate the demands bilaterally soon after 10th February, 1989;

(c) whether any negotiations have since been held; and

(d) if so, what is the result thereof and if not, by when the negotiations are likely to be held?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) The All